

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 3:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 30:

Document US-A-5 934 666 describes a device for singulating flat articles which are transported on-edge as a stack on a controllably driven conveyor with a stack support to the take-away station where the leading article in each case is withdrawn horizontally to the feeding direction. Detectors for determining the position of the frontmost article which project from the take-away reference plane at different heights are connected to the conveyor drive control, the conveyor and stack support being driven in a separately controlled manner.

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, line 1:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 4, line 20:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph on page 5, line 16:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 11, line 1 and ending on page 11, line 3 with the following new paragraph:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please delete the paragraph beginning and ending on page 11, line 25.